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DAVID HARTMAN: Admiral Stansfield Turner was Director of the CIA, the Central Intelligence Agency, under President Carter. And during that time, certain restrictions were placed on the CIA's activities. And that continued a trend that had started under President Ford. But the Reagan Administration is now asking whether certain restrictions might be reducing the effectiveness of the CIA.

Admiral Turner is with us this morning to talk about the CIA, past and future....

The news reports that we read yesterday and now we see denied this morning in the paper by a top CIA man, suggest that the Reagan Administration is considering giving some authority to the CIA to gather information, both here and overseas, using search, we read, physical surveillance, and infiltration of domestic organizations.

How do you read this? You've read these reports? What is being said?

ADMIRAL STANSFIELD TURNER: Three and a half years ago, when you and I met on this program for the first time, David, no one would have dared to suggest this kind of relaxation. And I'm very pleased and, in fact, I'm proud that we have reversed this attitude of intense criticism that the intelligence community was subject to three or four years ago to one where people now recognize the importance of good intelligence, the dignity, the integrity of the intelligence officers of our country. And so I think it's healthy that we're looking at this.

HARTMAN: Is it needed? Is it needed? In other words,